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Lisbon, March 12. N. S.

WE have an Account by private Letters from Spain, That there has been an Action on the Borders of Valentia, wherein the Enemy were routed; and that the Earl of Peterborow had seized in a certain Town a whole Irish Regiment, and taken them Prisoners. Sir John Leake sailed from hence the 9th Instant in the morning with the Squadron of English and Dutch Men of War under his Command, and has had a fair Wind and fresh Gale ever since. They write from Elvas, That our Forces are gathering together near that Place from all Parts, and will soon be in a readiness to enter upon Action. A Dutch Caper named the Pearl passed lately by this Port, with a Prize she took going into Cadiz, which came from the Havana, and has on board Plate and other rich Commodities to the Value of 400000 Crowns.

Leghorn, Febr. 19. N. S. Two English Men of War, commanded by Captain Cavendish and Captain Scot, came in here lately from Barcelona, and sailed again the 17th Instant, in order to return thither, with a considerable Sum of Money on board for the Use of the Confederate Forces in Catalonia.

Bayonne, Febr. 24. By our last Accounts from Valentia, the Earl of Peterborow was marched from thence with a Body of about 8000 Horse and Foot, to attack the Conde de las Torres, who not being above 3 or 4000 strong, thought fit to retire, but left his Baggage, and that of his Officers, a Prey to the Confederate Forces. The Marshal de Tesle was marching to join the Conde. The Chevalier d'Astfeld, who commands a Body of French Troops in Arragon, has possessed himself of some open Towns, particularly of Moulon; but the Castle of that Place, wherein is a Garison of the King of Spain's Forces, makes a vigorous Defence.

Turin, Febr. 24. We hear from Chivas, That the Enemy are making a Magazine of Provisions there, and another at Feneftrelle, with intent to besiege this City in the Spring; but they will meet with the greater Difficulty in this Enterprize, because of a Fire that lately happened at Briançon, where they have an Arsenal, and had laid up great Quantities of Stores and Ammunition for the Use of their Troops on this side. It's said they lost by this Accident 12000 Fuzils, 150 Carriages for Cannon, about 60 Pieces of Cannon, and a very great quantity of Powder and other Ammunition.

Venice, March 6. General Steynau being appointed Generalissimo of our Forces in Terra-Firma, arrived here the 22d past from Germany, and the next day had Audience of the Senate, from whom he received his Commission and Instructions. The Complaints which have been lately made to the French Court, of the Disorders committed by their Troops in the Brescian, and other Territories belonging to this State, having no Effect, the Senate has resolved to augment our Troops, and put them into a Condition to protect the Subjects of the Republick from the like Insults for the future. The French continue in their former Posts, which they are fortifying. The Imperialists have lately reinforced their Troops in the Veronese with a Detachment of 2000 Men. The Regiment of Wolfenbuttle is come from Germany into the Territory of Vicenza, in its March to join them. Their Parties make frequent Excursions into the Enemy's Quarters with good Success; and this week one of them met between Dezenzano and Lonato a French Colonel and a Commissary, whom they took Prisoners, with their Retinue, and got 400 Louis d'Or, besides other Booty. Signior Dona died the 2d Instant: He was Procurator of St. Mark. Signior Ruzzini is named by the Senate to succeed him in that Dignity, who is at present at Constantinople in the Quality of Ambassador from this State to the Ottoman Porte.

Vienna, March 1. The Count de Rechteren, Envoy Extraordinary from the States General, and the Sieur Occoluccianni, one of the Hungarian Deputies, arrived here the 28th past in the evening from Tirnau, with Proposals from the Malecontents, who appear desirous of bringing Matters to an Accommodation, and in order thereunto of a Cessation of Arms, for the setting on foot a Treaty for that purpose. Count Paifi is gone to Newstad, where a Body of Troops is drawing together, with which he is to march to the Relief of Oedenbourg

and Eysenstad, two Towns that are blocked up by the Malecontents. Field-Marshal Staremberg was two days ago sworn of the Emperor's Council. The Post from Italy, which came in this morning, has brought Letters from the King of Spain, dated the 13th of the last Month. The Earl of Peterborow was then marching with the best part of his Forces towards Valentia, where the whole Country had declared for his Catholick Majesty except Alicant; and here are Letters in Town which affirm, that that Place was likewise surrendered, which we hope will be confirmed.

Berlin, March 13. This Court has given Leave for the lifting of 200 of the Camisars who took Refuge in this Country, for a Regiment Monsieur Cavalier, who was one of their Chiefs, is raising for the Service of the States General, wherein such Progress is already made, that the Number which is expected from hence will soon be compleat. The Officers of our Troops that are to serve upon the Rhine and in the Netherlands the next Campaign, are ordered to have their Regiments full, and to be in a readiness to march by the middle of next Month. There are Letters from Major-General Haagen, who commands the Prussian Troops in Bavaria, which are designed for Italy, giving an Account, That they would begin their March thither the 10th Instant. Letters from Grodno say, the Muscovites continue in their Intrenchments near that Place; and that the Swedes were encamped about 4 Leagues from thence, and their Horse suffered much by the Scarcity of Forage. It's said that the Czar is come to Mittau; and that the Reinforcements from Muscovy were far advanced on their March to Lithuania.

Frankfort, March 14. The Blockade of Fort Louis has lately been reinforced, and all possible Care is taken to prevent its being relieved by the Enemy. A Letter was lately intercepted which the Governor of that Fort was sending to Strasbourg, pressing for Succours with all the Earnestness imaginable, and giving a very melancholly Account of the Extremities to which the Garison is reduced by the want of Provisions, Fuel and other Necessaries; so that we hope to be soon Masters of that Place. The States of the Circle of Swabia are assembled at Memmingen, and have taken several Resolutions about the sending of their Quota of Troops early into the Field, and the providing of the necessary Magazines of Ammunition and other Stores for their Subsistence. Several Regiments are marching from Bavaria, in order to reinforce the Imperial Army in Italy.

Hague, March 19. N. S. The Forces of this State which lay at Breda, Boileduc, and the other Towns on that side, are marched towards the Maese, and will be quartered in the Towns and Villages along that River till the opening of the Campaign. Monsieur Hop, who lately returned from the Texel, where he had seen the Recruits embark for Portugal, went the 14th Instant towards the Maese, to view the Troops above-mentioned, and dispose them in convenient Quarters, to the end they may be drawn together in a short time, whenever there shall be occasion. All the Officers of the Army who are in Town are ordered to be in a readiness to repair to their respective Commands upon the first Notice they shall receive; and those who have not yet raised their full Number of Recruits, are to have their Regiments compleat by the 25th of next Month, on pain of being cashiered. Our Horse and Foot Guards which are quartered in this Town will also march towards the Maese the 25th Instant, and are to be relieved by the Regiment of Dhona. Several Yachts, and divers Transport-ships, with Recruits and Horses on board for the English Forces in these Parts, arrived in the Maese the 6th Instant, under Convoy of several Men of War; and the Marquis d'Allegre, a Lieutenant-General, who was taken Prisoner at the forcing of the Enemy's Lines in Brabant last Summer, being to go for England with the Return of these Ships, embarked on the Mary Yacht. This Fleet is detained in the Maese by contrary Winds; which have also put back to the Goree the Convoy that lately sailed from the Texel with the Recruits and other Supplies for Lisbon. The States of Holland and Westfriesland met the 11th Instant, and having almost finished the several Matters before them, will adjourn in a day or two. The Danish Minister here has received from Copenhagen an Answer to certain Proposals made on the part of England and Holland for adjusting the Dispute relating to the Bishoprick of Lubeck; that gives us great Hopes of seeing that Matter